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Major transit-funding plan out today

Wynne's speech. Liberals tout billions in Toronto-area transit spending ahead of premier's address

On the eve of a major announcement on public transit by Premier Kathleen Wynne, the provincial Liberals have released a progress report touting the government's $100 billion in transit and infrastructure spending since 2003.

The report mentions roadwork, bridges, hospital projects and schools, but much of it focuses on transit, particularly investments in the Toronto region.

The premier is expected to signal in a noon speech Monday at the Toronto Region Board of Trade (TRBOT), how her government will move ahead on funding transit expansion.

Most of Metrolinx's regional transportation plan, The Big Move, remains unfunded. The provincial agency says the region needs to invest about $2 billion annually to build highly anticipated improvements such as a relief subway in Toronto, a Hurontario LRT in Mississauga and all-day, two-way GO service to sparsely served areas such as Brampton and Milton.

Those projects are among about a dozen so-called "next wave" of projects Metrolinx says are waiting for funding from a dedicated transit revenue stream.

At a glance

- The progress report released Sunday notes that GO ridership rose about 5 per cent to 65.5 million trips in 2012-2013, from 62.4 million the previous year.
- It includes a commitment to expand Kitchener GO service to all-day, two-way service. But the government has not named a date to live up to the promise.

While Wynne has repeatedly said taxpayers understand they would have to pay for relief from the region's growing road congestion, last month she bluntly rejected two of the most lucrative potential revenue sources, a hike in the HST and gas tax.

They were among the revenue sources that had been recommended by Metrolinx last spring and another panel of transit experts the government subsequently appointed, headed by former Conference Board of Canada CEO Anne Golden.

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DOUBLE FOR BUBBA

American golfer Bubba Watson reacts with relief after sinking the winning putt on the final green during the 78th Masters Golf Tournament at Augusta National Golf Club on Sunday in Augusta, Ga. Watson won his second Masters, finishing 8-under par, making it two green jackets in three years for the relentless master of efficiency. Watson was guided all last week by a simple game plan of hitting fairways and greens, and he was calmed by knowing that regardless of how it turned out, he still had a green jacket. Story, page 21.

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Former basketball star arrested in deadly shooting

Scarborough. Alwayne Bigby one of two accused in the slaying of Andrea White

Andrea White, 33, was found with multiple gunshot wounds on Forest Creek Pathway, near Morningside and Old Finch around 11 p.m. Saturday.

A former high school basketball star is one of two men charged with first-degree murder in connection with a Saturday night shooting in northeast Scarborough that killed White.

Alwayne Bigby, 23, a 2009 Toronto Star All-Star from Eastern Commerce, will appear at the Toronto Courthouse on Eglinton Ave. E. Monday morning, alongside 21-year-old Michael Davani, who is also accused in the slaying.

White lived in a townhouse in a co-op complex on Forest Creek Pathway, near Morningside Ave. and Old Finch Ave. She shared the home with her common-law husband and four children.

Quoted

"We believe the address was targeted. We don't have a motive."
Det. Dave Dickinson

Just after 11 p.m. Saturday, according to police, she was in the garage with her daughter and some friends when a white SUV rolled past the home headed south on Forest Creek Pathway. Police said the truck then turned around, and when it passed the home a second time several gunshots were fired from the passenger side window. White was hit at least once, though police wouldn't specify how many bullets struck her.

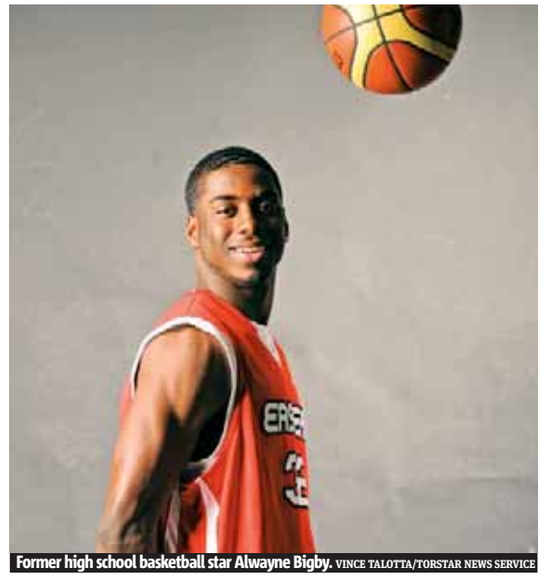
Police said White wasn't the target of the shooting, but wouldn't elaborate on causes.

Seconds after the gunshots, startled neighbours called 911 and gave police a description of the truck, and Ontario Provincial Police soon spotted it headed west on the 401. After a short highway chase, the SUV left the highway at Bathurst Street and headed north before the occupants allegedly ditched the car and tried to run away from police.

Davani was arrested near the scene, while Bigby turned himself in at 5:30 Sunday morning, said Det. Dave Dickinson of the Toronto Police.

Bigby, who turns 24 next month, had a standout career at Eastern Commerce, where he played for Roy Rana, who now coaches both Ryerson University and the national men's junior team. In 2009 Bigby led Eastern Commerce to a provincial championship, before heading to Northeastern University in Boston on a basketball scholarship.

A serious injury sidelined Bigby for his sophomore season, but he graduated from Northeastern in three years with a degree in criminal justice. From there he transferred to the University of Rhode Island, where he used his two remaining years of eligibility to pursue a master's degree in education. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE


Former high school basketball star Alwayne Bigby. VINCE TALOTTA/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Does closing part of Bloor on Sundays work?

Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong
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Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong stood behind a podium set up in the middle of a traffic island on Richmond Street, close to where orange and black traffic cones block off lanes for sewer and water maintenance.

The chair of the city's public works committee chose this spot to give journalists the rundown on the summer construction season — sure to be one of the worst — and as he wrapped up, a reporter asked him about a proposal to close 10 kilometres of Bloor and parts of Yonge to cars on four Sundays this summer.

Year-round

The city has more than 1,000 festivals and events year round, according to Tourism Toronto. BIAs alone support more than 160 community events and street festivals, drawing 7.4 million people annually, according to the city.

"I've been approached about this plan. I have some significant concerns," says Minnan-Wong. "Traffic and gridlock is already a problem. This is only going to make it worse. A number of businesses on the street are going to suffer."

The councillor went on to say that he doesn't think the city can accommodate any more street festivals. "I suspect that we've reached the ceiling, and the limit, on the limited amount of closures that we are going to have," he says.

The Open Streets TO festival referred to by Minnan-Wong would be one of the biggest, running on four consecutive Sundays — July 27, Aug. 3, Aug. 17 and Aug. 31 — from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents would take over the street, running, biking or joining a fitness class.

"They run, walk, bike, play, participate in community programs, do Zumba and cha-cha," says Emily Munroe, program director at 8-80 Cities, which has organized Open Streets programs around the world.
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York Region

SIU investigate fatal Aurora shooting

Ontario's Special Investigations Unit is looking into a fatal shooting involving police in Aurora.

York Region police say they received a call Saturday night about a man walking down the street with a handgun.

The SIU says police opened fire and a 22-year-old man was pronounced dead after being taken to hospital. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Assault charges

Church leader arrested

Provincial police arrested Frederick Madison King, the leader of a church outside Owen Sound, in Hamilton on Friday. King, who is wanted on a Canada-wide warrant, disappeared after members of the Church of Jesus Christ Restored in Chatsworth went to police in 2012 with allegations of physical and sexual assault.

King's charges include assault, assault with a weapon and sex assault. King also faces one count each of sexual exploitation and sexual interference. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Castle Frank station

Train passes over woman on tracks

A woman in her 40s who fell onto the tracks at Castle Frank subway station walked away with only minor injuries when the train passed over her Saturday night. She was taken to hospital for treatment. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ CFRB/680NEWS

Aurora United

Church fire deemed accidental

A fire that ripped through a historic church north of Toronto has been deemed accidental.

Central York Fire Services says a team of roofers working on the Aurora United Church on Friday morning caused the blaze.

The church, built in 1878, was gutted by the fire.

Fire and demolition crews remained on the scene Saturday as they made sure the flames were completely out.

No one was injured in the blaze.

Church officials say they plan to rebuild. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ NEWSTALK1010

'We've become a joke'

TORONTO VOTES 2014

Talking to Torontonians. Voters in the heart of the city fret about T.O.'s reputation

On the front stoop of their Cecil Street house, Carolyn, Gabrielle and Robyn were sipping tea Sunday afternoon. The young women, who didn't give their last names, are from Calgary, Boston and Halifax, respectively. They're well-educated and well-travelled. And they know two things for sure about city politics.

One, Rob Ford has blotted out the sun when it comes to shining light on issues during the current mayoral campaign. Two, he has made Toronto famous for all the wrong reasons. Robyn, a newly graduated architect, had just returned from California.

Mention you're from Canada, she said, and the first thing anyone says is "Rob Ford!"

Quoted

"He's a small-time, small-town guy. He's obsessed with spending on coffee or stationery. He doesn't look at the big picture."

Constituent Jim D'Costa on Rob Ford

Carolyn, studying urban planning, has an 88-year-old grandfather in France. He phoned during the worst of the revelations about the mayor's enthusiasms, alarmed at where she was living. "He asked me, Is Toronto safe?! Are you OK?"

All along bustling Trinity-Spadina and Toronto Centre-Rosedale in the heart of the city, Wards 20 and 28, folks strolling, shopping, running or skateboarding Sunday made it clear they love this city.

But most want candidates, and a mayor, who will restore order and Toronto's reputation. And many suggested the campaign to date has been of little help.

Of those interviewed Sunday, the mayor's conduct, the city's reputation internationally, the efficiency of council and its ability to address issues of transit, public health and infrastructure were top of mind.

"We've become a joke," said Susan, who also didn't give her last name. Roberto Riveros, a photographer selling his work outside St. Lawrence Market, said that when he moved to Toronto from Edmonton 20 years ago it seemed as if the TTC was winning an award every other week. Now, "they're great at apologizing" for delays, breakdowns and trains going out of service.

Jim D'Costa, 79, is a fan of the city.

"This is one of the best cities I've ever lived in," he said. But the mayor? "He's a small-time, small-town guy. He's obsessed with spending on coffee or stationery. He doesn't look at the big picture." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Faster than a speeding bullet

Runners cross the finish line at Fort York Boulevard Sunday morning — some dressed as superheroes — for the Yonge Street 10K run. More than 7,000 competitors crossed the finish line in excellent weather conditions, as the rain held off and the temperatures rose to 20C. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

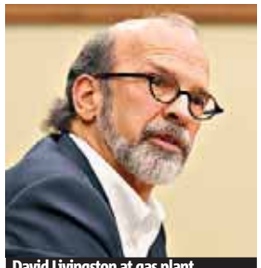
Alleged 'coverup' didn't occur on her watch, says Wynne

Premier Kathleen Wynne insists the alleged destruction of government emails happened on former Liberal premier Dalton McGuinty's watch, not hers.

Wynne was answering a question on Newstalk 1010 radio Sunday about her role in the so-called gas plants "coverup" and whether her own computer had been wiped clean.

"The allegations that have been made, the allegations that have been in the public realm now, are allegations against the former premier's chief of staff," she said.

The former chief of staff, David Livingston, is being investigated for breach of trust. Police allege he obtained a special password enabling computers to be wiped clean and gave it to a non-government employee in the final days of the McGuinty administration.



David Livingston at gas plant hearings last September. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"There is an OPP investigation going on. I am not going to interfere with that OPP investigation," Wynne said.

Livingston has, through his lawyer, denied any wrongdoing. The police allegations have not been proven in court and no charges have been laid.

The premier has been under increasing pressure in the legislature to tell MPPs what she knew when with respect to computers being wiped clean.

"I am going to continue to answer questions as I am asked. And we will make sure all the information is available," she said.

Her government was rocked about two weeks ago when details of the OPP probe were revealed in a search warrant application to seize 24 computer hard drives from the premier's office.

With a possible spring election looming, Wynne is eager to distance herself from the former McGuinty government in which she was a cabinet minister. Nevertheless her government has once again been swept up in the latest revelations.

OPP are now carrying out forensic examinations of the 24 computers, which an internal government cyber security report said were accessed by the special password. It was valid from Feb. 6 to March 20, 2013.

Police allege a few computers were accessed on Feb. 6 and 7 — before Wynne took power on Feb. 11. The other computers are still being examined.

There is nothing to suggest that Wynne had first-hand knowledge of government hard drives being wiped. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Supporters at a pro-Russian rally beat a pro-Western activist in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Sunday. OLGA IVASHCHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ukraine to take on insurgents

Army involvement. 'We're not going to allow Russia to repeat the Crimean scenario,' president says

Ukraine is launching a "large-scale anti-terrorist operation" to resist attacks of armed pro-Russian forces, Ukraine's President Oleksandr Turchynov said on Sunday in a televised address.

The authorities in Kyiv will use the army in order to prevent Russian forces from moving in, as they did in Crimea, Turchynov said, pledging amnesty to anyone laying down arms by Monday morning.

"The Security Council has made a decision to begin a large-scale anti-terrorist operation with participation of army forces," he said. "We're not going to allow Russia to repeat the Crimean scenario in Ukraine's east."

Ukrainian special forces exchanged gunfire with a pro-Russia militia in an eastern city Sunday morning, with at least one security officer killed and five others wounded.

Speaking late Sunday on Russian state television, ousted president Viktor Yanukovych accused the CIA of being behind the new government's decision to turn to force, a claim the CIA denied as "completely false."

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Emergency meeting

The UN Security Council called an emergency meeting at Russia's request Sunday evening to discuss the growing crisis in Ukraine.

Search continues

Next steps

An Australian ship dragging a U.S. Navy device is listening for flight recorder signals. Searchers want to pinpoint the exact location of the source of the sounds — or as close as they can get — before sending a robotic submersible down to slowly scour for wreckage. The Bluefin 21 will not be deployed until officials are confident that no other electronic signals will come, and that they have narrowed the search area as much as possible.

The search zone is currently a 1,300-square-kilometre patch of the seabed.

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Flight 370. Black box batteries may have died as transmissions cease

Following four strong underwater signals in the past week, all has gone quiet in the hunt for the missing Malaysia Airlines jet, meaning the batteries in the plane's all-important black boxes may finally have died.

Despite having no new transmissions from the black boxes' locator beacons to go on, air and sea crews were continuing their search in the southern Indian Ocean on Sunday for debris and any sounds that may still be emanating.

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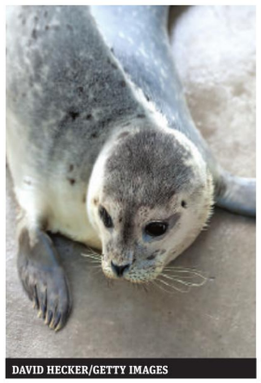
A drawing was placed with photos of the missing at Kechara Forest Retreat in Bentong, Malaysia, where Buddhist devotees offered prayers Sunday. LAI SENG SIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seal hunt starts amid multiple controversies

East Coast. Humane society director says 'the seal hunt is very much over'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The annual East Coast seal hunt starts Monday against a backdrop of ongoing trade and court challenges in Europe and renewed claims from animal welfare groups that the 400-year-old industry is dead in the water.

Rebecca Aldworth, executive director of the Canadian wing of Humane Society International, said on Sunday that only 15 boats have signalled their intention to take part in the hunt.

With the market for seal products closed in the United States, most of Europe and Russia, the commercial hunt is a shadow of what it once was, largely surviving on subsidies from the Newfoundland and Labrador government, Aldworth said. "From a market perspective, the seal hunt is very much over," she said.

However, the federal government has been steadfast in its support of the hunt, insisting it's a humane, sustainable and an economically viable pursuit that is important to many coastal communities.

Fisheries Minister Gail Shea admitted that those opposed to the hunt have been effective in shutting down international markets. "It's grossly unfair. We've done a lot of work in ensuring that our Canadian seal hunt is humane," Shae said.

Meanwhile, the industry continues to push ahead with a court case in the European Union to overturn a ban on seal products, while the federal government appeals a World Trade Organization decision to uphold the ban.

The WTO justified the restriction in November based on public concern for animal welfare. THE CANADIAN PRESS

California bus crash

No evidence of truck on fire

Federal investigators say they haven't found any physical evidence that a FedEx truck was on fire before it slammed into a bus carrying high school students, killing 10 people in Northern California.

The bus was carrying high school students to a college campus tour.

Five students, three adult chaperones and both drivers died in Thursday's collision in Orland, a small city about 100 miles north of Sacramento.

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Mexico

Bus bursts into flames; 36 dead

A passenger bus slammed into a broken-down truck and burst into flames, killing at least 36 people Sunday in southern Mexico, the Veracruz state government reported.

Officials said four people survived the crash, and the victims apparently burned to death inside the bus.

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Protesting pipeline with art

A crop art image protesting the proposed Keystone XL pipeline covers a cornfield outside of Neligh, Neb. The image, which lies on top of the proposed pipeline route, was created by farmers, ranchers and Native American tribes with artist John Quigley. LOU DEMATTEIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Home-equity program

Maj. Marcus Brauer
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Major sues government for relocation loss

A 24-year veteran of the Canadian military is taking the federal government to court Tuesday to recover thousands of dollars he lost on his home when he was posted to another base and got little compensation through a program that he says has caused financial hardship for dozens of members.

Maj. Marcus Brauer will be in federal court to seek a judicial review of a decision by the Treasury Board that concluded he should receive only $15,000 for a $88,000 loss he took on the sale of his house in Alberta when he moved to Halifax in 2007.

Brauer said the unique case is being watched closely by other members who have suffered losses on home sales when they get posted to new bases, but usually only collect a portion of those losses through a federal home-equity assistance program.

"It doesn't just impact people — it destroys them," he said in an interview.

The dispute involves the home-equity assistance program available to military members who move frequently and run the risk of taking a bath on the sale of their properties.

Compensation is supposed to be available when a member has to transfer and sells a home in a depressed housing market. But National Defence and the Treasury Board are at odds over the definition of market and community.

After being posted to Halifax, Brauer, 42, sold the house he'd bought for $405,000 near Edmonton for $317,000 and applied for home-equity assistance, but says he was told he would only qualify for payments up to $15,000 rather than 100 per cent of the loss since the Treasury Board did not deem his home to be in a depressed housing market. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Moira stable, but Belleville still on alert

A man walks on a flooded road in Foxboro, Ont., just north of Belleville, on Sunday. Quinte conservation authority says water flows in the Moira River east of Toronto have reached the same levels as major flooding in 2008, but have stabilized as Belleville residents frantically throw down sandbags and hope for fair weather.
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The moon will turn 'orangey-red'

A previous lunar eclipse seen from Toronto in 2008. ADRIAN WILD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

In the dead of night. Lunar eclipse to dazzle all of Canada, even within city limits

If they can stay awake, Canadians from coast to coast will get a chance to view a total lunar eclipse this week — the first of four that will occur nearly every six months.

Total lunar eclipses occur twice a year but are not visible everywhere on Earth at the same time.

The year's first eclipse will begin just before 2 a.m. EDT on Tuesday and will offer ideal viewing for observers throughout the Western Hemisphere.

Andrew Fazekas, a spokesman for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, says North America hasn't seen a total lunar eclipse since 2011.

"We've actually had this cosmic dry spell that we've been under that's lasted over two and a half years now," he said in a recent interview.

Fazekas noted that North America has been out of luck while Asia and Africa have had their share of such eclipses.

"So we finally break that spell with this really beautiful total lunar eclipse where the full moon will turn an orangey-red in colour in the overnight period Monday night into Tuesday, April 14th to the 15th."
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flaherty. State funeral info released

Jim Flaherty's state funeral is being held at Toronto's St. James' Cathedral on Wednesday.

Canadian Heritage is inviting Canadians to pay their respects to the former finance minister who died suddenly in his Ottawa condo last week.

Visitation will occur at the Abilities Centre at 55 Gordon Street in Whitby, Ont., on Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Flaherty's funeral will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at St. James' Cathedral at 65 Church St. in Toronto.

Canadian Heritage says Flaherty's family appreciates all the expressions of support and condolences and asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Abilities Centre.

Flaherty died of a heart attack late last week, less than a month after his retirement from serving as federal finance minister since 2006.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Taxman back. CRA says it's fixed Heartbleed bug

The federal tax agency says its online services are up and running again after it blocked public access five days ago due to the Heartbleed bug.

The Canada Revenue Agency says the security risk has been addressed, but added it will not apply interest or penalties to individual taxpayers filing their 2013 tax returns after April 30 for a period equal to the length of the service interruption.

Revenue Minister Kerry-Lynne Findlay says that means 2013 tax returns filed by May 5 will not incur interest or penalties.

Service has also been restored to all publicly accessible Government of Canada websites, the Treasury Board said in a release.

The Heartbleed bug is caused by a flaw in OpenSSL software, which is commonly used on the Internet to provide security and privacy.

The bug has the potential to expose private data.

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Kansas City

Three shot dead at Jewish community, retirement centre

A man in his 70s opened fire Sunday outside of a Jewish community centre and nearby retirement community in suburban Kansas City, killing three people, authorities said.

Shots were fired behind the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City in a parking lot. One male died at the scene, another male died at a hospital. The gunman then fled and opened fire at nearby Village Shalom, killing a female, before later being arrested near an elementary school. Two other people were shot at, but the gunfire missed them.

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U.S. looking into new Syria toxic-gas claims

Opposition-held village. Both sides blame each other for alleged attack that reportedly injured scores of people

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations said Sunday that reports of a poison-gas attack Friday in a rural village north of Damascus were so far "unsubstantiated," adding that the United States was trying to establish what really happened.

Opposition groups, including the main Western-backed Syrian National Coalition, said the poison-gas attack at Kfar Zeita hurt dozens of people, though it did not identify the gas used. State-run Syrian television blamed members of the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front rebel group for the attack, saying they used chlorine gas to kill two people and injured more than 100. It did not say how it confirmed chlorine was used.

An opposition activist said government helicopters dropped a number of barrel bombs on the village that appeared to carry the toxic gas, killing one person and choking about 100 people, many of them in their homes.

In the Syrian capital, President Bashar Assad said the conflict was shifting in the government's favour after a string of government triumphs against rebels. Assad's forces also have struck local ceasefire agreements with the opposition in a number of neighbourhoods, where weary rebels have turned over their weapons in exchange for an easing of suffocating blockades.

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Civil defence rescue workers carry the body of a victim of a Syrian government airstrike in Aleppo, Syria. The northern city witnessed intense clashes on Saturday, according to activists. ALEPPO MEDIA CENTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Oil pipeline plebiscite

Kitimat residents vote 'No'

The residents of Kitimat, B.C. have voted against the proposed Northern Gateway pipeline project in a non-binding plebiscite.

The ballot count from Saturday's vote was 1,793 opposed versus 1,278 who supported the multi-billion dollar project — a margin of 58.4 per cent to 41.6 per cent.

The results from two polling stations and an advance vote all showed a clear majority for the "no" side.

The $6.5-billion project would see two pipelines, one carrying oilsands' bitumen from Alberta to Kitimat's port, and a second carrying condensate — a form of natural gas used to dilute the bitumen — from Kitimat back to Alberta.

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Getting a taste of Tangerine

HOW TO ROLL
Alison Griffiths
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The words love and bank don't often appear together when we talk about financial institutions. One exception is the late ING Direct because of its un-bank-like plain language, straightforward loan process and higher rates on savings accounts than the Big Five.

ING Direct, purchased in 2012 by Scotiabank, rebranded itself as Tangerine on April 8. Seriously? A fruit for a bank?

The name might not inspire confidence but the bosses of the orange-hued bank assure us that the best of ING Direct is still in place at Tangerine.

For investors, this includes one-stop-shopping portfolios for RRSPs, Tax Free Savings Accounts (TFSA) and non-registered accounts. Formerly called Streetwise Portfolios, they offer a simple investment solution in a world filled with thousands of mutual funds.

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The portfolios all contain the same four investments: Canadian bonds, Canadian stocks, U.S. stocks and international stocks. The difference is the proportions.

Each of the four components in the portfolios simply copy or track an index, like the S&P/TSX 60 Index (Canada) or the S&P 500 Index (U.S.). This index investing approach has long been proven to be a superior way to invest.

A big boost to the bottom line is the fees at 1.07 per cent annually for the entire portfolio compared to around 2.25 per cent for Canadian equity mutual funds. You can invest more cheaply, but these portfolios do all the work for you.

Tangerine offers an excellent option for beginners through to seasoned investors.

A past view of the future

This 1964 photo from the World's Fair in the Queens borough of New York shows a view of the future in the "Futurama 2" ride put together by General Motors. The millions of visitors who attended the fair were introduced to a range of technological innovations and predictions. Some turned out to be right on the money (such as personal use of the computer) and others, perhaps thankfully, were way off the mark (such as colonies on the moon and under the sea). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

App

Hubb aims to become Tinder of music industry

Hubb Music co-founders Zack Lister, left, and Nathan Hurd.
ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Borrowing the addictive "swipe left, swipe right" interface from the popular Tinder dating app, a pair of Calgary entrepreneurs believe their own startup could see the same success and turn the music industry on its head in the process.

"It can redefine the way artists use the engine that is commercial music," co-founder Nathan Hurd said of Hubb Music, which is set to launch an app for beta testing in May.

Similar to Tinder, Hubb Music allows users to browse through potential musical matches, offering short previews of songs and enabling users to either dismiss or add an artist to their collection.

For fans, the app offers the chance to quickly curate a mobile music collection, as well as a fun way to find new music.

For artists, it offers an opportunity to make direct sales to fans who have "liked" them, including everything from merchandise to offering VIP experiences, like personal Skype conversations or private meet-and-greets after shows. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO IN CALGARY

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URBAN COMPASS

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With Toronto's mayoral race already in high gear, we're going to hear a whole lot about transit plans over the next few months — so let's establish some parameters.

A good transit plan is based on the advice of experts. It's fully costed and funded, with chosen routes based on projected ridership, not politics. And it uses the technology — subway, LRT, hover board, whatever — that can best serve that ridership in a cost-effective way.

And also, it doesn't completely hinge on the provincial and federal governments giving Toronto cash.

Don't get me wrong. Queen's Park and Ottawa absolutely should be contributing more money toward the TTC. Toronto's transit system is woefully underfunded compared to pretty much every other North American city.

On the federal side, Canada remains the only G8 country without a national transit strategy, so federal money for transit pretty much only materializes when something like the Olympics comes to town. On the provincial side, the expansion of our rail network pretty much stopped after the provincial government withdrew from a funding agreement that saw the province cover 75 per cent of the cost on all TTC projects.

This status quo should change. It desperately needs to change. But recent history tells us that change isn't likely to happen — no matter who wins the mayor's job in October.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper, as always, has little to gain from pandering to Toronto. Meanwhile, Premier Kathleen Wynne continues to talk a good game about her commitment to transit — she's set to make a "major announcement" regarding transit funding today — but the fact remains that she leads a fragile minority government that may not even get a chance to deliver on their commitments.

As a result, I don't care if your name is Chow, Tory, Stintz, Soknacki or Ford — no one can assume there will be more transit money coming from these governments.

That doesn't mean they shouldn't try, of course. But it also means candidates need a Plan B: a strategy for how they'll deliver on improved transit if the other levels of governments don't respond to Toronto's appeals for transit cash.

Yes, that'll force them to talk about things politicians don't like to talk about during election campaigns. Things like how municipal revenues, taxes and debt might be leveraged to support transit construction that actually happens some time in the next decade.

That won't be easy, but it could represent a big opportunity. With its own money on the table, Toronto would actually be in control of its own future — and not subject to the whims of other governments. We'd be masters of our own transit destiny.

And that's important. Because more than anything else, a good transit plan is one that actually leads to shovels finally getting into the ground.

Read more of Matt's blog, Ford for Toronto, at metronews.ca

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Ottawa youth worker creates 'ultimate' camp for neighbourhood youth

CONTRIBUTED

Who: Fahd Alhattab, 20, youth mentor, from Ottawa
What: Co-founded the York Street Ultimate March Break Camp, a one-week experience offered free to children from low-income communities.
Why: To pay forward the mentorship and support he received while growing up by mentoring youth in his community.

Arriving in Canada from his native Kuwait in 1998, Fahd Alhattab grew up in a low-income Ottawa neighbourhood and turned to his role models at the Boys and Girls Club for hope and inspiration. In 2011, he teamed up with friend Muhammad Zaman to give back to their community by starting a camp for local youth. This year, the pair raised $14,000 to welcome 60 kids for a week of fun — from science workshops to a field trip to a reptile zoo!

What motivated you and Muhammad to launch the March break camp in your community?
"We loved our school and the neighbourhood, but as we grew up and started volunteering, we recognized how difficult that neighbourhood is for the current youth population. So we decided to start a March break camp for these kids. We assembled a team of friends and colleagues and started planning. It's a little baby of ours, something we're really proud of. It takes work but it's worth it at the end of every year."

How do you feel when you see youth participating in your camp experience? "It feels good, it feels warm! For those of us that can be leaders, it's a responsibility. I'm able to fulfill my responsibility to these kids because someone helped my family get out of the socio-economic distress in that neighbourhood. I owe it to the people who helped me and I owe it to the kids that are here." CRAIG AND MARC KIELBURGER

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@dasPongo: I would pick 2015. I am from the future ya know.

@Russell_Barth: 1935, when #Marijuana was still legal.

@phil_cpa: O come on. I lived through It with cable tv, a desk top 'puter with games. Try going back to 1867!

@Zaedum: 1985. Hair metal needs to come back.

@StoriesFrom17th: 1997. Name one thing that happened in 97. Exactly.

@speirsr: 1928: That's the year for me. Hot Dance jazz, speakeasies and vaudeville. I could wear spatterdashes!

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Wall Dogs of New York

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Vocativ spent a day with what they describe as the true mad men (and women) of New York City advertising: the Wall Dogs, intrepid souls who dangle from the sides of the city's buildings to create hand-drawn murals plugging any number of goods and services.

It's a crazy way to make a living at the best of times. But when you factor in all that time spent labouring under polar vortexes and whatnot, what we're getting is a portrait of some deeply talented artists working in conditions that would make most of our knees tremble.

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Relationships can be bloody difficult

Only Lovers Left Alive. Tom Hiddleston talks about starring in a post-Twilight saga vampire love story

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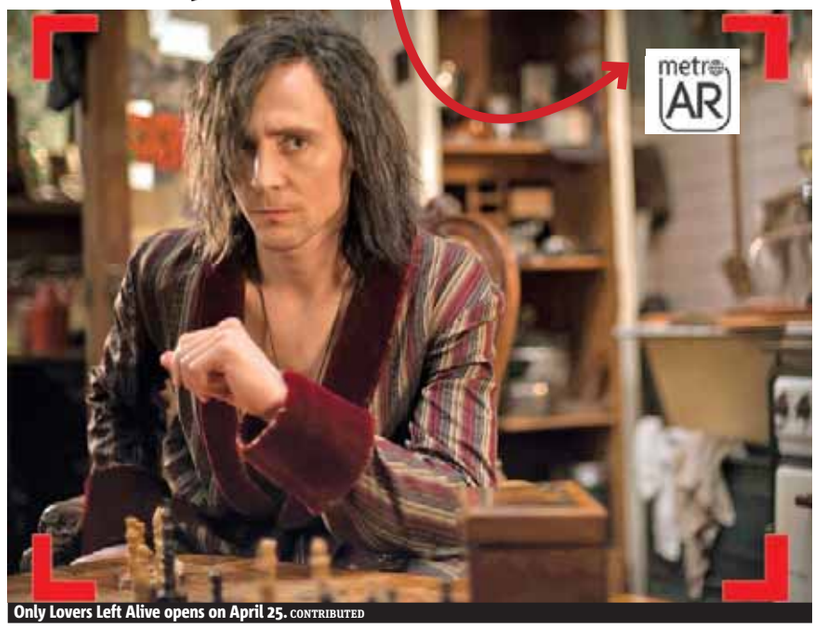

Only Lovers Left Alive opens on April 25. CONTRIBUTED

With Only Lovers Left Alive, British actor Tom Hiddleston teams up with Tilda Swinton and director Jim Jarmusch to wrestle the vampire genre back from the Twilight crowd, with Hiddleston and Swinton starring as two moody, music-obsessed bloodsuckers who can't live without each other.

Was there any hesitation about stepping into the vampire world?
Absolutely none. It was amazing. I met Jim Jarmusch in November 2011, and I'd just finished shooting Avengers, and I was in New York for War Horse, which was just opening, and I was about to shoot the Shakespeare plays for PBS. So there (were) superheroes and soldiers and Shakespeare, and I met Jim and he said, "I'm going to make a film about love, and it's about two very delicate, sophisticated creatures who love music and poetry and nature. He's a kind of rock star musician who's also a kind of scientist and physicist, and she's a poet. Oh, and by the way, they're vampires (laughs)."

The vampire theme was really a framing for Jim to attempt a narrative about this theme of love, acceptance, time, creativity and mortality.

When you first watched the film with an audience, were you surprised people found it so funny?
It was really pleasing, actually, because we wanted there to be levity and lightness in it, and humour, but not in a way that seemed to be overreaching. We didn't want to seem like we were pandering to the audience in bad taste, which would dilute the integrity of the attempt. And the attempt was really to make something very delicate and sophisticated and refined about love and acceptance and time and art and music and poetry. These are big themes, and we didn't want to seem heavy-handed. Jim wanted to be very light on his feet. So hearing the laughter is thrilling, truly, because when you're delivering deadpan stuff about the literature of the world, you want people to get it.

I loved that John Hurt plays Christopher Marlowe.
Yeah, it's a lovely joke that Christopher Marlowe is still alive and well, living in Tangier with a portrait of Shakespeare on his wall with a knife through (his) head.

Swinton or Hemsworth?

We asked Hiddleston if he had to choose between looking at Tilda Swinton or Chris Hemsworth all day, who would he choose. "The dance is different, but I love dancing with both of them," he said laughing.

Ebooks

Every Object Has A Story

By. The Royal Ontario Museum

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Here we have 21 museum artifacts artistically interpreted through creative photography and an anthology of short stories by notable authors including Charlotte Gray, Wayson Choy, and Robert Bateman. Although entertaining, somehow the objects themselves have become obscured by the process and it's hard to know what you're looking at. What's missing is the interactive intimacy that an ebook should deliver.

Box office

Captain America beats back Rio 2

With $41.4 million in its second week of release, Captain America: The Winter Soldier held off Rio 2 at the weekend box office. According to studio estimates Sunday, the Marvel superhero narrowly bested the animated family film. Rio 2 debuted with $39 million,
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Love Letters from the other side of the pond

Metronomy. English electro-pop band's new album is being hailed as a 'breakthrough'

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News in London

Metronomy is enjoying strong sales of their album Love Letters. CONTRIBUTED

"Why is everyone imagining there's something wrong with me?" queries Joseph Mount, singer for English electro-pop band Metronomy.

People think he's in relationship meltdown, thanks to a few lovesick songs from the maestro's latest album. He's not, and the simpering is as welcome as that insincere offer of "If you ever want to talk about it, you know I'm here."

In truth, the 31-year-old auteur has every reason to be as euphoric as the Love Letters title track's chorus thanks to strong sales. Mount and his bandmates — Gbenga Adelekan (bass guitar), Anna Prior (drums) and Oscar Cash (guitar) — have once again had a change of tune for their fourth studio album, taking their retro-infused record back to the sound of the '60s.

Love Letters is being referred to as a 'breakthrough.' Does that add pressure on you to perform?
Funnily enough, it does in a way. It doesn't add pressure on me but it does make the situation a bit more pressurized. It's already got to number 7 in the [British] charts and it's selling really well. If breakthrough means we're going to get played on BBC Radio 1, then I don't think it's going to be a breakthrough record. But you do get closer to holding the badge of being known as an English band. Each record we're getting closer to being part of the establishment.

Quoted

"I don't think it's going to be a breakthrough record. But you do get closer to holding to badge of being known as an English band."
Metronomy singer Joseph Mount

Is it important to keep that Englishness at the core of your music?
The more I experience American attitudes toward English music, the more I want it to be English.

Americans lap up the accent and our quaint culture.
[Chuckles] Well, yeah. But then some English music seems such an alien thing to them.

Your album's called Love Letters, so have you ever sent one?
I have. Well, they were probably never sent but I did used to write nice affectionate letters to girlfriends.

Were they handwritten letters?
Of course, yeah.

That's a rare thing.
It wasn't in my day [laughs].

GLAAD Awards. JLo honoured for gay rights advocacy and The Fosters

Jennifer Lopez. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jennifer Lopez has added two more trophies to her block.

The pop star and American Idol judge was honoured Saturday night at the 25th annual GLAAD Media Awards with the Vanguard Award, which lauds efforts to increase visibility and understanding of the gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender community. In addition to being an outspoken advocate for gay rights, Lopez serves as executive producer of the ABC Family series The Fosters, which centres on a lesbian couple raising their children. The Fosters also won the award for outstanding drama series.

Other winners at the Beverly Hilton Hotel ceremony included NBC's Days of Our Lives for daily drama, Fuse's Big Freedia: Queen of Bounce for reality program, Tegan and Sara for music artist and Young Avengers for comic book. Bridegroom and Call Me Kuchu tied for the outstanding documentary trophy.

Orange is the New Black star Laverne Cox was presented with the Stephen F. Kolzak Award, which is given to a gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender member of the entertainment community. Previous recipients include Wanda Sykes, Rufus Wainwright, Melissa Etheridge, Ellen DeGeneres and Ian McKellen.

Norman Lear, the veteran producer of such sitcoms as All in the Family and Maude, was honoured with the Pioneer Award.

The awards salute fair, accurate and inclusive representation in media of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community and the issues that affect their lives. Other winners will be presented at a New York ceremony on May 3.
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Johnny Depp stars in Transcendence, which opens in theatres Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Depp is partial to the painted roles

Transcendence. Actor ditches all the makeup to play a computer genius in sci-fi tale

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Fans of Johnny Depp may be startled to discover that in his latest film, the techno-thriller Transcendence, the chameleon-like actor looks like … Johnny Depp.

"I knew right off the bat there was no need to go into pink-haired, clown nose, Ronald McDonald shoes," says Depp, who has made a habit of taking on roles that involve more than a little white face paint, from Tonto in the Lone Ranger to the Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland.

But the most makeup Depp hides behind in Transcendence is only there to show the physical deterioration of his character, computer genius Will Caster, after he gets radiation poisoning.

"It's always more difficult and slightly exposing to play something that's close to the surface, something that's close to yourself," Depp says.

"I always try to hide because I can't stand the way I look, first. I think it's important to change every time, and come up with something that's as interesting as you can for your characters."

Eventually Dr. Caster's consciousness is uploaded to a massive computer, keeping him "alive" but turning him into a ghost in the machine — and a face on a video screen.

"I did feel a little bit like Max Headroom," Depp admits.

"I guess the worst part is I liked it. I liked being in my little dark room, and [my co-stars] were on the other side. We couldn't find each other sometimes."

And apparently playing a foreboding version of advanced artificial intelligence didn't put Depp off the idea of that theoretical technological advancement.

"Having no intelligence, I'm looking forward to gaining something, whether artificial, superficial or super-duper," he quips.

All joking aside, Depp admits he's something of a Luddite when it comes to new technology — especially the handheld kind.

"Anything I have to attack with my thumbs for any period of time makes me feel stupid. So I try to avoid it as much as possible — to protect my thumbs, of course."

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The Word

Who will take up the truthiness torch?

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News in New York

"I gotta tell you, I do not envy whoever they try to put in that chair. Folks, those are some huge shoes to fill and some really big pants," Stephen Colbert said last night of David Letterman's retirement. He was, as is his wont, joking, of course; Colbert himself will inherit The Late Show from Letterman in 2015, becoming its second-ever host. But his quip raises a question: Who will replace Colbert, now that The Colbert Report is ending?

Comedy Central hasn't made any announcements — understandable, since the gap in their schedule is still almost a year away. But all these late-night musical chairs have whetted my appetite for more speculation. Here are a few worthy replacements for that plum 11:30 p.m. slot.

Samantha Bee: The Colbert Report was a rousing success for almost 10 years. Since spinning off a performer from The Daily Show worked once, why not try it again? Bee is hilarious and she's been on The Daily Show forever. She and her husband, fellow correspondent Jason Jones, could do a his-and-hers talk show.

Craig Ferguson: Since Ferguson was passed over for the Late Show throne in favour of Colbert, speculation is rampant that he'll depart CBS when his contract is up next year. Maybe he and Colbert can play musical talk shows and Ferguson can slide into Colbert's old slot. A smaller cable audience might be a better fit for him anyway: He's always had a weird take on the hosting gig.

Chris Gethard: The Chris Gethard Show is a cult favourite public access show that recently taped a pilot for Comedy Central. The strange, go-for-broke show features live calls from fans, a cast of recurring characters like The Human Fish and, occasionally, peril for the host, who's prone to do things like sit in a vat of ice cream for hours and get freezer burn on his skin.

Debbie Rowe seeking custody of Jackson kids

Michael Jackson's ex-wife Debbie Rowe is reportedly seeking custody of two of the late singer's kids because their current co-guardians are "ineffective," according to TMZ. Rowe, who is the biological mother of 17-year-old Prince and 16-year-old Paris, thinks the Jackson family compound isn't a suitable environment for the teens because of the bad influence family members like Jermaine Jackson provide. While Rowe is reportedly seeking to move the two to her Palmdale, Calif., ranch, she is not seeking any remuneration.

Debbie Rowe

Kelly Osbourne says stop the Bieber bashing

Kelly Osbourne wants everyone to leave Justin Bieber alone. "When it comes to Justin Bieber, I find it really unfair. I think people need to give the kid a break," Osbourne, who gained notoriety as a teen on the reality series The Osbournes, tells the Huffington Post. "When I was 16, all of a sudden I was one of the most famous 16-year-olds in the entire world. And it happened overnight — and there wasn't Twitter then. Every teenager deserves to make a mistake and act out and learn from them. And how can they learn from their mistakes if there's always somebody there trying to fix it for them and no one actually trying to help them?"

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LIFE

Kids need money to learn

Allowances. The best way to teach children about money is to give them their own dough to manage

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Allowances provide lessons kids can take to the piggy bank. ISTOCK

Before children can learn to manage money well, they first need to be able to get their sticky little fingers on the stuff. Most people have no problem with that concept. But when it comes to what you should require of your children in exchange for that allowance, the debate rages. Some people feel an allowance should have no strings attached. Others think it should be tied to chores in the home, school grades or behaviour: "If you don't smarten up, I'll cut off your allowance!"

Just as the allowance debate is strongly pro and con on the idea of attaching strings, so too is the debate about whether or not kids should work for their money. Some parents feel that school is a child's job, and any other work detracts from potential success at school. Others think that a part-time job is perfectly fine, while still others believe that a part-time job is essential because it begins the development of a good work ethic.

From early on, children receive mixed messages about money. At home they hear one thing, at school and among their peers, another. Mom does it one way; Dad is the complete opposite. What is consistent is that nobody seems able to agree on the money rules. And often those mixed messages stay with kids long after your parental influence has passed.

I'm of the school that believes that allowances should come strings-free and that it's perfectly fine for children to get a part-time job to supplement their allowance — not to replace it — when they get older.

Think about why you're giving your kid an allowance. The objective should be to teach him money-management skills. The fact that you work hard for your money will be brought home when your child learns relative value — how many hours he has to work to afford that pair of running shoes.

Money doesn't work as a reward for good behaviour. Just ask any of the management theorists who have proven that money is not a motivator for adults. So why should it be for children? Good behaviour is based on an understanding of right and wrong, thoughtfulness, caring and consideration, along with myriad other positive attributes, all of which have to be internalized.

Good grades are your child's responsibility. School is his primary job and good grades are an indication that he is doing his job well. If you provide financial reward for good grades, you are externalizing the reward. Instead, the reward should be internalized: The self-esteem and pride that accompanies having done well.

As for an allowance being payment for chores, who pays you to do the chores in your home? Chores are a part of each individual's responsibility to the family. Payment for regular chores negates a child's individual responsibility as a member of the family unit. (Payment for extra household tasks — those above and beyond a child's normal chores — is fine when they are specifically doing the task to earn some money.)

The biggest problem in tying your child's allowance to the completion of her chores comes on the day when you must withdraw the allowance. Now you're teaching your child, "I have the money and you'll have to do as I say to get some of it!" That's a straight-out power play. "I have the money, so I have the power." A far better tack for children who don't follow through on household responsibilities is to do a like-for-like comparison. "Darling daughter, if you don't make your bed, I'm going to have to. And I only have time to do one thing, make your bed or make your lunch. Which one do you want to do?"

Whatever your own experiences with money as a child, try to put them aside as you begin to teach your children how money works and the role it should play in their lives. To ensure money is not imbued with meanings it should have, don't tie things like self-esteem, power or love to money. Stay balanced when you talk about it. And, above all, figure out what message you want your children to get from your money lessons. For, like it or not, they are learning from you. What lesson would you like your child to learn today?

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This recipe serves four. ROSE REISMAN

For Passover, this is a perfect entrée whereby all the ingredients are kosher for the holiday. Keep in mind the only nuts not allowed are peanuts and sesame seeds. The pecans, honey and maple syrup simmer together until the sauce becomes syrupy and thick.

Immediately pour half the sauce over the fish while it's still warm.

To prevent the sauce from sticking, use parchment paper on your baking sheet. If the sauce becomes too thick to pour, gently reheat. Tilapia is one of the leanest fish with only 129 calories and 2 ½ grams of fat for 3 oz.

Pecans contain vitamin E, which is a natural antioxidant that helps protect against cell damage and fights Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, cancer and heart disease. They are also a naturally good source of protein.

You can always use a food thermometer when cooking fish. Place the prong into the thickest part of the fish, and when the temperature reaches 125°F the fish is medium-cooked. The fish continues cooking for at least 5 minutes after this time, so you don't want to overcook the fish or it will be dry.

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp finely chopped pecans
- 3 tbsp liquid honey
- 2 tbsp maple syrup
- 2 tsp butter or margarine
- Four - 6 oz portions tilapia (1 ½ lbs)
- Garnish:

3 tbsp fresh parsley

Restrictions

This recipe may not meet all Jewish dietary restrictions.

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1. Heat the oven to 425°F. Spray a nonstick baking pan with cooking oil or line with parchment paper.

2. Place the pecans in a small, nonstick frying pan and toast over medium-high heat for 3 minutes or until golden and fragrant. Stir in the honey, maple syrup and butter. Reduce the heat to low and cook for 3 minutes or until slightly thickened. Pour half the sauce over the tilapia on the baking pan.

3. Bake the tilapia, cooking for 10 minutes per inch thickness of the fish or until the fish flakes easily when pierced with a fork.

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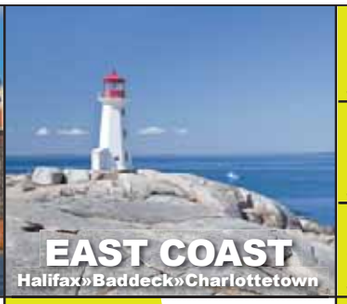

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The heroes of Pixar aren't all animated

Each of Pixar's 14 computer-animated films, created with Ed Catmull at the helm, has opened at number one. Together they've grossed $8.5 billion worldwide. GETTY IMAGES

One colourful career. Ed Catmull's recipe for success will sound familiar to Pixar fans

JANE BORDEN
Metro World News

The Man

Pixar's story is a little like those in its films: Some kids with moxie who did things differently took a risk and won over the world. And, just like in a fairy tale, Pixar's story has a hero.

The current president of both Walt Disney Animation Studios and Pixar Animation Studios, Ed Catmull, came to movies by way of science.

He garnered degrees in physics and computer science from the University of Utah. And his groundbreaking work in computer animation, while there, attracted the attention of the New York Institute of Technology, which hired him to lead its new Computer Graphics Lab in 1974.

From there, in 1979, George Lucas brought in Catmull to lead Lucasfilm's computer graphics division, which, in 1986, was purchased by Steve Jobs and renamed Pixar. The rest, as they say, is history. But it might not have been, if not for Catmull and his cofounders' forward-thinking managerial style and approaches toward growing a business.

The Message

With the help of journalist Amy Wallace, Catmull has distilled his working ethos into an engaging book, Creativity, Inc., which was published by Random House on April 8, that is part memoir, part storytelling, and part business guide.

Pixar fans will enjoy behind-the-scenes stories and trivia (Monsters, Inc. was originally about a grown man dealing with frightening creatures no one else can see); business leaders will glean not just information but motivation, too (see sidebar).

Catmull's secret to success seems to be an unwavering dedication to looking for unknowns and dealing with what he finds.

He focuses on preparing himself and his team to deal with unseen challenges when they're found, rather than trying to prevent them, or worse, pretend they aren't there.

Being unafraid of challenges and working co-operatively first and foremost are things that Catmull believes will make businesses better.

Catmull's career tips

- "If there are people in your organization who feel they are not free to suggest ideas, you lose. Do not discount ideas from unexpected sources."
- "There are many valid reasons why people aren't candid with one another in a work environment. Your job is to search for those reasons and then address them."
- "Do not fall for the illusion that by preventing errors, you won't have errors to fix. The truth is, the cost of preventing errors is often far greater than the cost of fixing them."
- "Change and uncertainty are part of life. Our job is not to resist them but to build the capability to recover when unexpected events occur."
- "Similarly, it is not the manager's job to prevent risks. It is the manager's job to make it safe to take them."

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LESSONS FROM THE DESERT
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The severe market crash in October 2008 changed my life. I started running to regain my health, both emotional and physical. Shortly after I took my first steps, I ran the Gobi March in China in June '09, followed by the Atacama Crossing in Chile in '10 and the Sahara Race in Egypt in '11. In this post, I share a lesson about life, learned from the desert.

Training for the Gobi, I needed to find ways to spend more time on my legs to replicate an average day in the desert. Once in the desert, I would be running for five to eight hours in soft sand each day, as opposed to three to five hours on pavement.

Start from the feet up and fitness is sure to follow. ISTOCK

The first steps were simple. I sold my vehicle and stopped taking elevators. And then the big idea came: work standing up. Over the course of a month, I transitioned 20 years of sitting habits into a new routine of working while standing. Here's why and how it can benefit you, too.

Standing eight or more hours a day strengthened my legs and back for the race, and for other activities. And then the following unexpectedly occurred:

1) Standing and walking while at the office helped me lose 30 pounds in three months, "free burning" up to 25 per cent more calories per day (free because it doesn't feel like exercise).
2) Having an open-door policy, more than 30 unplanned meetings occur in my office daily. Without a chair to sit on, these now "stand-up meetings" became very expedient: Everyone got to the point faster, giving me newfound time to focus on other priorities.

3) Live or on the phone with a headset, moving around allowed me to engage my arms and body in my conversations. My energy level increased and consequently so did the intentionality and quality of my conversations.

Some of life's gifts come from being forced to change ingrained habits. Being overburdened like most of you meant I needed to go about my training more creatively. As a result, my training's most precious gift is that I haven't sat since. Walking is a perfect way towards a healthy lifestyle — try it for yourself and let me know how it goes.

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Raptors centre Jonas Valanciunas defends against Pistons forward Kyle Singler in Auburn Hills, Mich., Sunday. CARLOS OSORIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raps tie franchise record with 47th W

NBA. Toronto races to early head start versus Motor City to earn 10th win in 14 games

On Sunday

Raptors	Pistons
116	107

Kyle Lowry picked up his fifth foul at around the midway point of the fourth quarter — then was called for his sixth 20 seconds later.

It was the type of mistake that could prove costly for Toronto in the playoffs, but this time the Raptors were able to overcome it.

DeMar DeRozan scored 14 of his 30 points in the fourth quarter, and the Raptors tied a franchise record for victories with a 116-107 win over the Detroit Pistons on Sunday. Lowry scored 28 points before fouling out with 5:51 remaining.

"I was just glad the guys won it without me," Lowry said. "DeMar was rested going into the fourth quarter, and he really took over down the stretch. That's what happens when he is aggressive — he can take over a game."

The Raptors (47-33) had already clinched the Atlantic Division, and the victory over Detroit was their 10th in 14 games. Toronto has reached the 47-win mark for the third time. The Raptors went 47-35 in 2001 and 2007.

Andre Drummond had 14 points and 17 rebounds for the Pistons in the final home game of their dismal season. Detroit's Josh Smith missed a fourth straight game with tendinitis in his left knee.

Detroit trailed by as many as 18 in the first half but rallied to take the lead late in the third quarter. But no matter what the Pistons did, DeRozan always seemed to have an answer in the fourth.

"I understood if we were going to win the game, then I had to step it up," DeRozan said. "I just tried to make plays for us and get a couple of easy baskets."

The Raptors shot 74 per cent from the field in the first quarter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Jays demolish Orioles despite ball-girl sabotage

When the Toronto Blue Jays broke out their two-week slump at the plate, nothing could stop them from circling the bases — except a gaffe by an overeager ball girl.

Jose Bautista launched a three-run homer and Colby Rasmus and Brett Lawrie added solo shots as the Blue Jays set season highs for runs and hits Sunday to beat the Baltimore Orioles 11-3 Sunday.

"We figured it was a matter of time and we knew it was going to happen," manager John Gibbons said. "It was a good all-around effort."

A ball girl at Camden Yards turned in an excellent effort, too.

It was 1-all in the fourth when Adam Lind walked on four pitches and Edwin Encarnacion hit a hard grounder down the third base line. The ball girl near the left-field seats quickly ran to field it, making a neat pickup.

She took delight in her play until she realized sheepishly that she interfered with a live ball, which forced Lind to stop at third on the ground-rule double. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Melky Cabrera of the Blue Jays slides safe into home plate. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

'We were in a very good spot and we let it slip away'

Phil Kessel skates off the ice after Toronto was defeated 1-0 by the Ottawa Senators on Saturday in Ottawa. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Frustrating," "embarrassing" and "disappointing" are just a few of the words the Toronto Maple Leafs used to describe the downward spiral that took place this season.

While it's unclear as to how and why this team suffered such an ugly late-season demise, one thing is certain: It will take time to digest.

"It sticks with you for a while, definitely," said Leafs captain Dion Phaneuf. "When you take time to look back and reflect, it's something that doesn't go away in a couple of days.

"This is our job. It's a business and we're in the business of results and we didn't get results. We were in a very good spot and we let it slip away."

Things began to unravel following the Olympic Winter Games.

On February 26, the day the NHL schedule resumed, the Leafs were tied with the Montreal Canadiens for third in the Atlantic Division.

The Leafs lost their first three games after the break, but went on to win the next three and on March 13 sat second in the Atlantic Division with a three-point lead on both Montreal and Tampa. Things looked good and no one could have predicted that within two weeks the team would be out of the playoff picture.

On March 16, the Washington Capitals defeated Toronto 4-2 in what was the first of an eight-game nose dive. Adding to Toronto's problems was the fact all eight losses came in regulation.

Toronto went on to win just six games following the Olympic break for a record of 6-14-2 down the stretch. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bubba bursts rookies' bubbles

Adam Scott presents Bubba Watson with the green jacket after Watson won the 2014 Masters Tournament by a three-stroke margin at Augusta National Golf Club on Sunday in Augusta, Ga. It was Watson's second time winning the Masters after earning his first green jacket two years ago. Scan the above image with the Metro News app to see how he celebrated this time around. ANDREW REDINGTON/GETTY IMAGES

The Masters. Watson holds off first-time Augusta competitors Spieth, Blixt for his second green jacket

Bubba Watson's second Masters title was nothing like the green jacket he won two years ago.

The only daring shot Watson hit was one he really didn't need. The wild swing in momentum came on the front nine, not the back nine of Augusta National. And the sweetest difference of all Sunday was seeing his two-year-old son walk toward him on the edge of the 18th green after his three-shot victory over Jordan Spieth.

Watson turned in another masterpiece and joined an elusive group as the 17th player to win the Masters more than once.

He turned a two-shot deficit into a two-shot lead on the final two holes of the front nine, then kept Spieth, 20, and everyone else at safe distance the rest of the way. Watson closed with a 3-under 69 to beat a pair of Masters rookies in Spieth and Jonas Blixt of Sweden.

Two years ago, when he hit that wild hook out of the trees on the 10th hole to win in a playoff, his wife and newly adopted son were watching at home in Florida. This time, young Caleb was decked out in a green-and-white striped Masters shirt and green tennis shoes as he waddled over to his father.

"This one's a lot different," Watson said. "The first one, for me, it was almost like I lucked into it."

After high-fiving the crowd on his way to sign his card, Watson returned to Butler Cabin to take back that green jacket he slipped on Adam Scott a year ago.

"After giving it away last year, I wanted it back," Watson said. "I told Adam we could just swap it back and forth every year."

Spieth, trying to become the youngest Masters champion, could only watch from the side of the green.

He dazzled the massive crowd early by holing out for birdie from the front bunker on No. 4, and making back-to-back birdies to build a two-shot lead through seven holes. Bidding to become the first player in 35 years to win a green jacket in his first try, Spieth looked to be well on his way.

But he three-putted for bogey on No. 8 — his first 6 on his card all week — as Watson got up-and-down for birdie to tie for the lead.

Spieth closed with six pars for a 72 and tied for second with Blixt, who never went away but never really threatened. Blixt shot a 71.

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Multi-time champ

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By winning the Masters on Sunday, Bubba Watson became the 17th player to have more than one win at Augusta under his belt.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may not be in control of what happens today but you can control the way you react to it. The more colleagues and loved ones mess you around the more you must strive to not let it get to you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may have your suspicions about someone but the planets warn this is probably not the right time to go public with them. You should keep your thoughts to yourself, at least for the time being.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Be careful with your cash because wealth planet Pluto begins one of its retrograde phases today. What does that mean in plain language? It means you could easily make a costly mistake.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Do as you please over the next 24 hours and don't worry too much about the consequences. A day or two from now everyone will be on your side again, so why worry?

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't try too hard to stay on top of your workload today. The deadlines you have set yourself are unnecessary — no one will think less of you if you fail to meet them.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The message of the stars this week is you must not start anything you may not be able to finish. Don't make promises you may not be able to keep. If you don't aim so high you'll look good when you do more.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Disruption of one sort or another is inevitable today. Whatever happens, keep telling yourself it's not as bad as it seems and promise yourself that you will keep your emotions in check.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is not a good time to make hasty decisions, not with Pluto, your ruler, beginning one of its retrograde phases. What seems like a good idea today may turn out to be the one thing you should have avoided, so take care.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There will be times over the next few days when you seem out of your depth but that is not an excuse to give up. If you do you will likely regret it as the planets bring new self-belief and new opportunities.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Pluto, planet of power, turns retrograde in your sign today, which among other things suggests that your grip on certain situations may not be as strong as you thought.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Be careful what you decide today because once you have made up your mind about something the planets won't let you change back again.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
No matter how self-reliant a Pisces you may be you must make an effort to work hand-in-hand with other people over the next few days. You will create a lot of useful goodwill. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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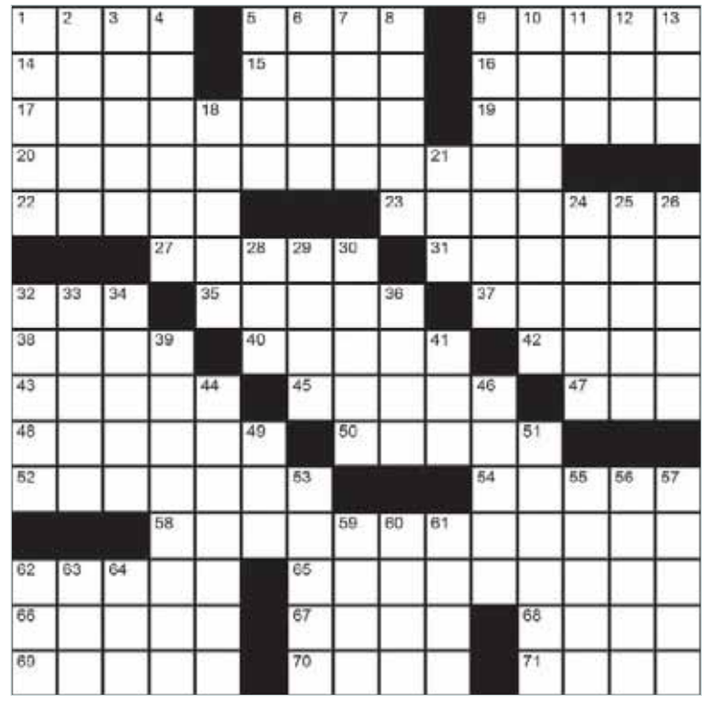

Across
1. Greatest extent
5. Things saved for tax purposes, for short
9. Composed
14. Lab gel
15. Zest
16. Board, like Paul Simon's bus rider Gus: 2 wds.
17. Vancouver-born star of the 1976 to 1983 series at #39-Down: 2 wds.
19. "Melrose Place" star Rob
20. The ___ ___ (Novel by Carol Shields which won the Governor General's Award in 1993)
22. Crowd
23. Dog breed, Nova Scotia Duck-___ Retriever
27. Jeff ___ (Montreal-born philanthropist/entrepreneur who was eBay's first President)
31. Capital city of Niger
32. Corporate executives, e.g.
35. Irish writer's surname, b.1865 - d.1939
37. Embark
38. Basra's country
40. Pastas alternatives
42. Bygone bird
43. Persist
45. Arrives
47. '_' ___ for Ottawa
48. More blood-and-guts-ish
50. Fragrant flower
52. Speaks frankly: 2 wds.
54. Style
58. In 2011, this city was hit hard by an earthquake. Today, it's a stop on Prince William and Kate's royal tour of New Zealand.
62. President between Clinton and Obama ...nicknamed
65. Hamilton nickname: 2 wds.
66. Make hair wavy
67. Eke ___ living
68. Languish
69. One being quoted
70. Geek
71. Pre-plant form

Down
1. Overly tough
2. "_ ___ ___ the gym three times a week..."
3. Toil, States-spelling
4. They're hot
5. Taken back [abbr.]
6. Nero's 152
7. "Bye!"
8. Huff
9. Pop a ___, as per stunt bike riding
10. BC: West Kootenay city in The Rockies
11. Check a box
12. Foot part
13. Nav. rank
18. Strongly smelly
21. Particle
24. Right Said Fred's "___ ___ Sexy"
25. "___ _ say more?"
26. Greek sandwiches with tzatziki sauce
28. Poet's 'atop'
29. Secular
30. Mil. rank, ___. ___.
32. Horoscope sign
33. Ahead-of-surgery, hip-style
34. "___ bleu!"
36. Half
39. Jack Klugman's medical examiner role show, "___, _._."
41. Quebec seasoning
44. Change form
46. Mr. Baron Cohen
49. Sci-Fi play
51. Bunches
53. Mountaineer's spike
55. "The Lone Ranger" (2013) name
56. Movies: ___ stealer
57. Rip
59. Andrew or Elisabeth
60. 'Four'-meaning prefix
61. Avril's rocker hubby
62. Gladiator's 700
63. Mr. Geller
64. Smidgen

Friday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

1		6				8		4
	4	9	5		1	3	6	
5								2
			8		2			
	6			5			1	
			9		6			
6								5
	5	1	4		7	6	2	
8		3				7		1

Friday's Sudoku

9	8	6	3	4	7	1	5	2
5	1	2	6	8	9	3	4	7
3	4	7	1	5	2	6	9	8
4	6	5	8	9	1	2	7	3
1	7	9	5	2	3	4	8	6
2	3	8	4	7	6	5	1	9
7	9	1	2	3	4	8	6	5
8	2	4	7	6	5	9	3	1
6	5	3	9	1	8	7	2	4

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